



INDEPENDENCE BRANCH

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There just wasn't enough time at the May Annual Meeting to share all of this with you, so we're sending out a separate Wrap Up Newsletter to share our success with you and to let you know how much you are appreciated!

Patt Braley, Alyse Stoll and Sue Shineman attended the AAUW MO State Meeting on behalf of our Branch. Friday night they watched the movie Equal Means Equal; a project that was a national media campaign to raise awareness for the need for women's equality under Federal law. It ties International Women's Rights, Female Poverty, Rape and Sexual Assault, Female Incarceration, Reproductive Healthcare, Pregnancy Discrimination, Wage Discrimination and The Law all together.

Saturday's guest speaker was Aileen Rizo, Plaintiff v. the city of Fresno, California. She landed her dream job as a math consultant for the Fresno County Office of Education. Her dream turned into a nightmare when she learned that a recently hired male colleague was being paid \$12,000 more per year than she was, even though he was doing the same work and Rizo had years of experience and seniority. She filed suit under the Equal Pay Act and California's sex status discrimination statutes. Aileen started fighting for her rights of equal pay and made national media. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has provided some support for her expenses. She received word just a couple of weeks ago that she had lost to "Corporate America" (the law protecting the employer) again. But she isn't going to stop fighting.

Independence Branch was asked to present our successful Outreach Project with BRCC. And it has been suggested that we apply for another one next year! This truly is a perfect example of how and why "it takes a village" to grow our Branch! Thank you to each and every one who has contributed to getting us to this point! There's so much more to come.

In the next few weeks, there will be many phone calls asking for your help and support on committees that will carry us forward in our focus on Outreach and Visibility in the Community. **Please give some serious thought to how and where you can share your time and talents!** You are needed as a member of a committee!

Again, I ask for your 'brain power' and thoughts in moving Independence AAUW forward. There will be more Brain Storming Sessions scheduled for Community Outreach, Fundraising, Visibility and, of course, College/University partnership with BRCC.

THANK YOU to our Officers, committee chair and so many active members for the success of this year. We have accomplished so much! Thank you for your support and participation in all that we have done. In reviewing all of the agendas and newsletters, I realized that we have made a BIG difference in our community.

Sue Barley and Janet Bunger, candidates for our National Board of Directors shared information from National and why they want our vote. It was stated that all bylaws changes on the ballot have been approved by the Board of Directors. Please vote – you can click on the email link to bring up your specific profile in order to vote online. 24.9% of Independence members voted last year, and we

hope to reach 50% this year. The average is about 10%. We definitely are above average! Thank You!!!

PLEASE go back in your email and find the link from AAUW National and cast your VOTE! It will take approximately 30-40 minutes to read everything and complete your VOTE. It is so important for National to hear from us here in Missouri!

Sue Shineman, President



Margaret “Peggy” Peters Sandring

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Peggy Sandring on May 9th at the age of 84. She was a long time member of our AAUW Branch.

Margaret Peters was born on May 10, 1932 to Smith McCord Peters and Pauline Nutter Peters. On November 4, 1956 she was united in marriage to Albert Sandring.

Peggy received a B.A. from Central Methodist University and a M.A. from the University of Central Missouri. She was employed as an educator for 35 years and raised two daughters.

In addition to her husband and daughters she leaves behind three grandchildren. She will be missed by her family and many friends.



Woman of Achievement

Nina Anders was honored as the 2017 Woman of Achievement by the Independence Branch of AAUW. Nina is a graduate of William Chrisman High School and a long time member of our community. She and her husband, Ira, have lived and raised two children in Independence. Son, Jon, is radiation oncologist in Wichita, KS and daughter, Amy, is a certified athletic trainer in Middleton, Ohio.

Nina has been the owner of Scandinavia Place, a gift shop on the Independence Square for over 25 years. She is active in many community organizations and boards. In 2009 Ira and Nina were awarded the Truman Heartland Foundation Independence Citizens of the Year and the Brian & Sharon Snyder Historical Preservation Award.



Nina Anders, 2017 Woman of Achievement

For many years Nina and Ira have tried to do their part of make their community and neighborhood a better place to live.

AAUW Independence Branch - Annual Meeting May 20, 2017

First United Methodist Church,
Independence, MO

9:00 Gathering and Welcome

9:15 Brunch prepared and served by FUMC Ladies

Woman of Achievement presentation - Lois Domsch. The recipient of this years Woman of Achievement Award was Nina Anders, wife of Congressman Ira Anders, and proprietor of the Scandinavia Place on the Square. In addition to Lois, members of the selection committee were Kathy Keeton and Jane Campbell.

Introduction of guests: Sister Agnes Irene Huser, guest of Jane White. Ira and Nina Anders, Debra Barkley, guest of Lois Domsch. Barbra Akrajsek and Jack Palmer, guests of Karol Palmer.

Hospitality Break

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m.

- Financial Officer: Judy Austin. Dues are payable to AAUW. Please see the financial report printed in the May Newsletter.
- Recording Secretary: Sue Raymond. Minutes approved as printed in the newsletter.
- AAUW Funds. Patt Braley. Recognition for Century Club, Diamond Club and Named Gift Honorees. (Sandra Ewens, Toni Thornton & Kathy Keeton)
- AAUW Funds: Patt Brayley – Independence Branch received Awards from State for 10 Star Branch and 6th in Total Giving.

We have a lot to be proud of! Thank you all for your tremendous support in all of our endeavors and projects this year. It is happening here in Independence AAUW!

- Installation of Officers. Myla Gentry - All officers re-committed to serving for another year; and are our own "Perennials; re-blooming flowers".

President – Sue Shineman;

Program VP – Karol Palmer;

VP Membership – Mary Anderson and Edwina Forke;

Financial Officer – Lois Domsch;

Corresponding Secretary - Barbara Leabo;

Recording Secretary – Sue Raymond.

Members were recognized if they:

- 1) worked on Pricing / Sorting or Selling books at the Book Fair
- 2) rang bells for the Salvation Army
- 3) worked one of the 6 events with Blue River Community College
- 4) helped in any capacity with Student Award night
- 5) served as a monthly hostess
- 6) served as an officer or committee chair this year

- Historian. Patty Chadwick distributed copies and presented a summary of 2016-2017 Branch accomplishments.

Announcements

- Please take time to fill out the **Evaluation Form** on the meetings and events of the 2016-2017 year. This will be helpful to the Program Committee planning for next year.
- The Final Board Meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Anderson.

Meeting Adjourned 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Sue L. Raymond,
Recording Secretary



